

BERA E-NEWSLETTER 27th February 2020 – www.bera.co.uk
(printable version of Newsletter is available soon on website if needed)

Reminders:

New Which subscription logon details:
Email or Username: burgesestate
Password: Bera2020

“Which Garden” - log on to Which as usual, but pick the “House and Garden” option at the top. Then pick “Garden” and you will find reviews for all types of gardening tools and accessories.

If any of you have taken photos locally that you would like displayed on the BERA website, please send them by email to: photos@bera.co.uk.

BERA Coffee Morning -The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on Thursday 19th March 2020 at The Methodist Church on the corner of Johnstone Road and The Broadway from 10am to midday (unless we advise you otherwise it is always on the 3rd Thursday of the month).

Please come along for free tea/coffee and biscuits and bring a friend. We will be bringing along panic and personal alarms, no cold caller letterbox stickers, contactless debit card blocking pouches, and will take orders for the car key signal blocking pouches.

BERA Membership is now due for renewal

BERA renewals are now due for January to December 2020 and the cost this year is again £10 per household.

Renewals can be done by either:

- * online on the homepage at www.bera.co.uk and pay by bank transfer or
- * by printing off a membership form, also on the homepage, and returning it with your payment (cash or cheque made payable to Burges Estate Resident Association) to Ron Woodley, 91 Tyrone Road or Mike Stafford, 85 Maplin Way.

We would be very grateful if you could return your renewals before the end of February.

1) Information Corner

BERA AGM – Monday 23rd March 2020, 8.00pm St Augustine’s Avenue

We are holding our BERA Annual General Meeting on Monday 23rd March, where we have speakers from Alleyn Court and Anglain Water. There will be refreshments and nibbles, so please come along.

Advice from Which? - Treat unexpected deliveries with suspicion

If you get an email, text message or phone call about a parcel you weren't expecting, treat it with suspicion.

It's highly unlikely a courier company would have your email address or phone number if you haven't made an order using its service.

If you're still not sure, visit the courier company's website and contact them to ask whether there's a parcel waiting for you, using their official contact details.

And if you think you've handed your details over to a suspicious email, contact your bank as soon as you can. It'll be able to make sure your account is safe.

New website for bulky waste collections

Unsure how to get rid of that old three piece suite taking up room in your home? Just bought a new fridge but unable to get the old one down to the local tip? Well now it is easier than ever to rid yourself of unwanted bulky items as the council's bulky waste portal is now live.

You can now arrange for a bulky waste collection easier than ever through the new online bulky waste collection portal that allows residents to book online collection for up to five large items to be collected directly from your home.

Veolia, working in partnership with the council, has recently launched the new online portal where residents can simply enter their details and choose a collection date. The service costs £7.92 for the first individual bulky item and £5.28 for any additional item.

Alternatively, you can take them to one of the two Household Waste Recycling Centres at Stock Road or Leigh Marshes."

To book a collection or to find out more about the updated online service, please visit www.southend.gov.uk/bulkywaste or call Veolia on 0203 5676955.

Pilot scheme to ensure safe seaside visits

Training has begun for volunteers willing to spend their summer holiday weekends making Southend-on-Sea beach a safer place for visitors.

It is a pilot project to have volunteer Beach Welfare Officers on hand to offer reassurance to residents, day trippers and holiday-makers by dealing with missing children, lost property, water based incidents and basic first aid.

The volunteers, who are also members of Chalkwell Redcaps surf life saving club, met on Saturday 15 February to discuss protocol and procedures regarding emergency situations, public engagement, radio communications and CCTV.

The pilot is due to begin on the Easter bank holiday weekend and will also take place over the two May bank holidays. If successful, the scheme will be extended across the summer holiday months and on weekends when hot weather is predicted.

London Southend Airport - Frequently Asked Questions

Please find below for your information a document that has been prepared including the most Frequently Asked Questions regarding London Southend Airport. It will shortly be uploaded to the following webpage:

https://www.southend.gov.uk/info/200158/common_projects/493/london_southend_airport

Equity Release

We have had notification from a resident on equity release and the problems that it has caused. If you are considering this approach, please, please seek advice from your family and legal advice.

A lady in her 70's who has a few health issues, lost her husband last year which then unearthed a myriad of problems for her. Unbeknown to her, her husband took out Equity Release on the house. Knowingly or unknowingly, left his will to children from his first marriage.

Her house now has to be sold and the sharks from the Equity Release company are circling but not circling with any compassion, they are circling with aggression and leaving a vulnerable elderly lady in floods of tears after every call where they intimidate her by saying the settlement figure is increasing with every passing day.... lady is to be left with pretty much ZERO....

2) List Of Applications Registered Week Ending 21 February 2020

APPLN. NO: 20/00237/FUL

Ward. **Southchurch**

Officer: Spyros Mouratidis Date Valid. 10 February 2020 Area BORO

**DEMOLISH EXISTING OUTHOUSE TO SIDE AND ALTER ELEVATIONS TO EXISTING DWELLING, ERECT NEW DWELLING TO SIDE, LAYOUT PARKING FOR TWO CARS, BIKE AND BIN STORAGE AND AMENITY SPACE AND FORM VEHICULAR ACCESS ONTO ARCHER AVENUE
84 ARCHER AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 20/00238/FULH

Ward. **Southchurch**

Officer: Kara Elliott Date Valid. 12 February 2020 Area BORO

**ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, CONVERT GARAGE INTO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION, ALTER ELEVATIONS
90 BROADCLYST GARDENS THORPE BAY ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 20/00284/FULH

Ward. **Southchurch**

Officer: Oliver Hart Date Valid. 18 February 2020 Area BORO

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION

71 SHOEBOURNE ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/00264/FULH

Ward. **Thorpe**

Officer: Spyros Mouratidis Date Valid. 14 February 2020 Area BORO

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND ALTER SIDE ELEVATIONS

118 AMBLESIDE DRIVE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/00236/FULH

Ward. **West Shoebury**

Officer: Kara Elliott Date Valid. 17 February 2020 Area BORO

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION

24 ANTRIM ROAD SHOEBOURNE ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/00263/FUL

Ward. **West Shoebury**

Officer: Robert Lilburn Date Valid. 14 February 2020 Area BORO

CHANGE OF USE FROM RESTAURANT (CLASS A3) TO MIXED USE

RESTAURANT AND TAKEAWAY (CLASS SUI GENERIS) AND INSTALL

REPLACEMENT EXTRACTION FLUE TO REAR ELEVATION (RETROSPECTIVE)

(AMENDED PROPOSAL)

98 WEST ROAD SHOEBOURNE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

APPLN. NO: 20/00252/GPDE

Ward. **West Shoebury**

Officer: Oliver Hart Date Valid. 13 February 2020 Area BORO

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, PROJECTING 5.2M BEYOND THE

EXISTING REAR WALL OF THE DWELLING, 2.6M HIGH TO EAVES AND WITH

A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 3.75M

14 STROMA GARDENS SHOEBOURNE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

3)) A127 Major Works Update and Bell Junction

Cadent (gas) – are continuing their diversion works at the Bell Junction to excavate and install their new gas pipe. The Council have been informed they are well ahead of the programme and have moved on to Phase 3 of their works for three weeks, subject to weather and contractors continuing progress.

Phase 3 works to continue on Rochford Road with the northbound road closure remaining in place, this phase also requires lane one on the A127 Southend bound, to be closed in advance of The Bell junction for a further **two weeks** whilst they excavate the carriageway and lay new pipes. The engineers are onsite and monitoring the traffic situation and have increased the timings at the signals to maximise the flow.

Cadent's contractor will continue to work weekends where possible (dependant on working activities) to maximise the traffic management and to complete the works as soon as possible. Bus numbers 7 & 8 will continue to be diverted via Manners Way / Oakengrange Drive. Cadent have informed local residents, businesses and stakeholders of their progress. Advance warning signs and variable message signs are advising drivers.

UK Power Networks (electric) – are continuing their diversion works at the Bell Junction and are working in collaboration with Cadent gas to minimise disruption to traffic. Where possible UKPN will utilise Cadent's traffic management.

4) Major Works on Other Routes

Address	Stroma Gardens
Start	31/01/2020
End	06/03/2020 (date change)
Work Ref	AZ007 – 1000853256 – Gas mains replacement works
Works Type	Major
L.A.Ref	99142
Traffic Management	Give & take - delays unlikely

Address	Woodleigh Avenue
Start	28/02/2020
End	27/04/2020
Work Ref	AZ007 – 1000875056 - Gas mains replacement works
Works Type	Major
L.A.Ref	101614
Traffic Management	Road closure - delays likely

Address	Grange Close
Start	28/02/2020
End	20/03/2020
Work Ref	AZ007 – 1000875057 - Gas mains replacement works
Works Type	Major
L.A.Ref	101618
Traffic Management	Some carriageway incursion - delays unlikely

Address	Cornec Avenue
Start	28/02/2020
End	06/04/2020
Work Ref	AZ007 – 1000875070 - Gas mains replacement works

Works Type Major
L.A.Ref 101609
Traffic Management Some carriageway incursion - delays unlikely

Address **South Crescent**
Start 13/02/2020
End 18/05/2020
Work Ref AZ007 – 1000875954 - Gas mains replacement works
Works Type Major
L.A.Ref 101711
Traffic Management Multiway signals - delays possible

Address **Gunners Road**
Start 28/02/2020
End 21/04/2020
Work Ref AZ007 – 1000876018 - Gas mains replacement works
Works Type Major
L.A.Ref 101721
Traffic Management Some carriageway incursion - delays unlikely

Address **Whitehouse Meadows**
Start 07/01/2020
End 13/03/2020 **(date change)**
Work Ref AZ007 – 1000876511 - Gas mains replacement works
Works Type Major
L.A.Ref 101774
Traffic Management Some carriageway incursion - delays unlikely

Address **Public footpath from Delaware Crescent to Ness Road**
Start 28/02/2020
End 26/03/2020
Work Ref AZ007 – 1000879096 - Gas mains replacement works
Works Type Major
L.A.Ref 102119
Traffic Management No carriageway incursion - delays unlikely

Address **York Road**
Start 18/02/2020 **(date change)**
End 24/02/2020 **(date change)**
Work Ref AZ007 – 1000885562 – Lay new domestic main in the farside carriageway

Works Type Major
L.A.Ref 102746
Traffic Management Give & take - delays unlikely

Address **Sutton Road**
Start 28/01/2020
End 28/02/2020 **(date change)**
Work Ref KG027 - SE – FTTH – PN070 – 08 – Install 6 x road crossings for fibre optic ducts

Works Type Major
L.A.Ref 102763
Traffic Management Multiway signals - delays possible

5) Southend NHW Crime Report - 17th to 23rd February 2020

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Southchurch	42/27477/20	Theft if not classified elsewhere	19/02/20 20 14:49	19/02/2020 14:09	Southchurch Boulevard	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BY MEANS UNKNOWN REMOVED THE VICTIMS SACK BARROW.
Thorpe	42/26138/20	Interference with a motor vehicle	16/02/20 20 20:55	05/02/2020 19:45	Elizabeth Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE USED AN UNKNOWN INSTRUMENT TO GAIN ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS WHITE VOLKSWAGEN T-SPORTER CAUSING DAMAGE. NOTHING STOLEN FROM WITHIN.
Thorpe	42/29291/20	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	22/02/20 20 22:29	22/02/2020 00:00	Acacia Drive	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE REAR WINDOW OF THE VICTIMS GREY AUDI A3 BY SMASHING THE GLASS BY UNKNOWN MEANS.
Thorpe	42/29283/20	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	22/02/20 20 22:30	22/02/2020 22:30	Acacia Drive	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE THROWN SOMETHING THROUGH THE SIDE AND BACK WINDOW OF THE VICTIMS BLUE FORD FIESTA CAUSING BOTH WINDOWS TO SMASH.

West Shoebury	42/27638 /20	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	19/02/20 20 16:09	19/02/2020 15:35	Ulster Avenue	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN ARRIVED AT THE VICTIMS ADDRESS IMPERSONATING A BANK EMPLOYEE AND ASKED FOR THE VICTIMS BANK CARD. THE VICTIM REFUSED TO HAND IT OVER, SO THE SUSPECT PUT HIS HAND INSIDE THE BOUNDARY OF THE PROPERTY AND SNATCHED THE BANK CARD OUT OF THE VICTIMS HAND.
West Shoebury	42/28403 /20	Theft of a motor vehicle	21/02/20 20 07:14	20/02/2020 21:00	Aylesbeare	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS MOTOR SCOOTER SOMETIME BETWEEN EVENING AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING, VEHICLE INDEX LF51PNJ BLACK HONDA SGX50 SHADOW, VALUED AT 500 GBP.
West Shoebury	42/28969 /20	Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	22/02/20 20 11:15	21/02/2020 22:15	Maplin Way	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE DAMAGED THE VICTIMS WINDOWS BY MEANS UNKNOWN. THE VICTIM HEARD A NOISE AT 22:15 LAST NIGHT AND DISCOVERED THAT TWO WINDOWS IN THE PORCH HAVE BEEN SMASHED AND ONE IN THE KITCHEN, THEY ARE DOUBLE GLAZED AND THE FIRST PANE OF GLASS HAS BEEN SMASHED.

